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- In mid-July 1951, the tent camp of Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) Leipzig II/3172 near Grinna-Otterwisch (N 52/E 30) was broken ahead of schedule, and the units there returned with their weapons to the barracks installation in Leipzig. Almost all the vehicles of the VPD were detached to Berlin to be used there during the period from 25 July to 25 August.

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- VPD Leipzig II/3172 consists of 4 infantry Kommandos with the following units:
 - 1st a motor transport Abteilung with [redacted] 25X1C
 - 2nd the 1st being a motorcycle and bicycle unit with [redacted] 25X1C
 - 3rd a signal-communication unit with [redacted]; the 3d an engineer unit with [redacted]; the 4th an artillery unit with [redacted] 25X1C
 - 5th a medical unit with [redacted]; the 6th an AT artillery unit with [redacted] 25X1C
 - 7th a tank unit with [redacted] *

- The heavy weapons of the VPD included 2 German 210-mm howitzers, 2 German 150-mm field howitzers, 2 German 76-mm field guns, and 2 German 37-mm AT guns.
- The police received training in tank driving in a patch of woods near Burghausen (N 52/E 11), about 6 km west-southwest of the barracks installation on Georg Schumannstrasse, the tanks being moved there only after nightfall. The police receiving tank driver's training were ordered to speak only Russian for the duration of training.
- Officers serving with the VPD up to 25 July included:

Rank and Name	Appointment
VP Rat Walter, (fnu)	CO of 1st Kommando
VP Oberkommissar Rathmann, (fnu)	CO of 1st Abteilung of 1st Kommando
VP Kommissar Seibus, (fnu)	CO of 2d Abteilung of 1st Kommando
VP Oberkommissar Wellmann, (fnu)	CO of 3d Abteilung of 1st Kommando
VP Oberkommissar Schneider, (fnu)	CO of 4th Abteilung of 1st Kommando
VP Rat Doblinski, (fnu)	CO of 2d Kommando

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VP Kommissar Schroeder, (fnu)	CO of 5th Abteilung of 2d Kommando
VP Oberkommissar Marx, (fnu)	CO of 6th Abteilung of 2d Kommando
VP Oberkommissar Anlenann, (fnu)	CO of 7th Abteilung of 2d Kommando
VP Oberkommissar Weinhold, (fnu)	CO of 8th Abteilung of 2d Kommando
VP Rat Ferle, (fnu)	CO of 3d Kommando
VP Rat Donner, (fnu)	CO of 4th Kommando
VP Oberkommissar Schmitt, (fnu)	CO of motor transport Abteilung
VP Oberkommissar Gerner, (fnu)	CO of 1st Sonderabteilung
VP Kommissar Muenche, (fnu)	CO of 3d Sonderabteilung
VP Oberkommissar Garbe, (fnu)	CO of 4th Sonderabteilung
VP Oberkommissar Hanssen, (fnu)	CO of 5th Sonderabteilung
VP Oberkommissar Lindner, (fnu)	CO of 6th Sonderabteilung
VP Oberkommissar Sommerfeld, (fnu)	CO of 7th Sonderabteilung

VP Raste Walter and Doblinski, and VP Oberkommissar Sommerfeld attended a political school in Moscow while in Soviet PW custody. A recent decree forced the members of the Volkspolizei to sign up for five years of police service and barred enlisted police from marriage.

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. The organization does not correspond to the standard organization of the VPDs. It is believed that the VPD has an artillery Kommando instead of a 4th Inf Kommando, as is also indicated by the list of heavy weapons in paragraph 3. It is doubted that there should be a medical Sonderabteilung. The Sonderabteilungen of the VPD are believed to be reconnaissance, signal-communications, engineer, AT artillery, AAA, mortar and armored units.

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